



# Cholla District Network News



Councilmember Manny Martinez, City of Glendale

September 16, 2011

## CHOLLA DISTRICT MEETING

Thursday, Oct. 20  
6:30 p.m.

Foothills Recreation & Aquatics  
Center  
5600 W. Union Hills Drive  
Bobcat Room

### City Council Approves Map for New Voting Districts: Department of Justice to Review Next.

The Glendale City Council at its Sept. 13 meeting approved a final map for the city's new voting boundaries that will be forwarded to the Department of Justice (DOJ) for final approval and adoption.

The map approved by the council is the one dubbed "Plan D." It will be submitted to the DOJ, along with demographic data, documentation on the process used to develop the map, and the public's role in the process.

The city anticipates hearing back from the DOJ in time to implement the new map for the next city election which will be held in August 2012.

Details on the map such as demographics and population per district can be viewed on the city's website, [www.glendaleaz.com](http://www.glendaleaz.com).

### El Concejo de la Ciudad Aprueba Plano con los Nuevos Districtos Electorales. El Departamento de Justicia está por Revisarlo.

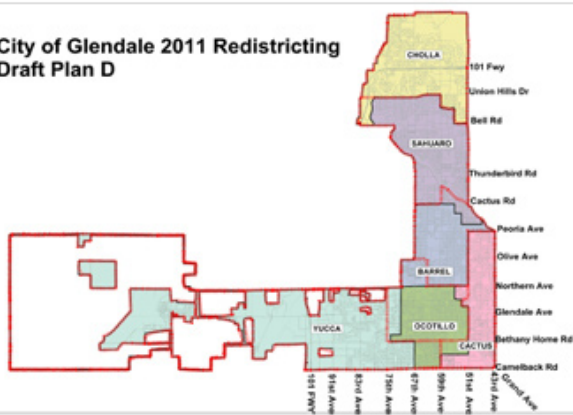
En su reunión del 13 de septiembre, el Concejo de la Ciudad de Glendale aprobó el plano definitivo con los nuevos límites electorales de la Ciudad que se le enviará al Departamento de Justicia (DOJ, por sus siglas en inglés) para que lo apruebe y pueda adoptarse.

El plano que aprobó el Concejo es el que se conoce como "Plano D" y se presentará ante el DOJ junto con datos demográficos, documentación sobre el proceso que se siguió para elaborar el plano y la participación de la comunidad en el proceso.

La Ciudad espera obtener una respuesta del DOJ a tiempo para poder emplear el nuevo plano en las próximas elecciones de la Ciudad que se llevarán a cabo en agosto de 2012.

Los detalles del plano, tales como datos demográficos y población por distrito, se pueden revisar en la página web de la Ciudad, [www.glendaleaz.com](http://www.glendaleaz.com).

City of Glendale 2011 Redistricting  
Draft Plan D



**Glendale Receives Parks and Recreation Awards.** Two innovative programs – one for children and one focused on folk heritage – earned top honors for the city of Glendale at a recent parks and recreation conference held in Tucson.

The Arizona Parks and Recreation Association presented Glendale Parks, Recreation and Library Services staff with its Outstanding Educational Program Award and its Outstanding Community/Neighborhood Special Event Award at its 2011 conference. The winning programs are:

**Green Crusaders.** This youth environmental education program focuses on ways to reduce, reuse and recycle. Glendale's after school program participants learn the importance of recycling and take part in arts and crafts that utilize recycled goods such as plastic bottles, old phone books, paper towel rolls and egg cartons. The city partnered with Terracycle, a non-profit recycling business, to make the program a success. The program has also become a fundraiser for the after-school program by gathering recyclable items and turning them in for recycling.



### First Saturdays are Back

With the change of the season, First Saturdays are back. This monthly event gets underway Saturday, Oct. 1, turning Historic Downtown Glendale into an artists' studio as fine artists in a variety of media create new works of art along the renovated walkways of the city's center.

Held 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., First Saturdays are free monthly events for artists and art lovers sponsored by the city of Glendale's Artwerks project in support of the Centerline District.

First Saturdays are centered in an outdoor walkway off of 58th Avenue just north of Glendale Avenue and include live music performances along with the creative works of painters, sculptors, photographers and other artists. Artists who are interested in participating in First Saturdays are encouraged to submit an entry form for consideration. [Click here](#) for more information or to participate as an artist.

**Glendale Folk and Heritage Festival.** This event, held in the midst of the buildings of the Sahuaro Ranch Park Historic Area, has grown into a nationally-recognized, two-day celebration of folk music and related history and culture. With over 150 individual performances and 52 workshops throughout the weekend, residents and visitors can choose from a variety of entertainment styles ranging from folk and bluegrass music to cowboy poetry and storytelling.

For more information about Glendale's parks and recreation programs, visit [www.glendaleaz.com/parksandrecreation](http://www.glendaleaz.com/parksandrecreation).

**AARP Names Glendale One of Top Employers for Workers Over 50.** The American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) has named the city of Glendale to its 2011 list of "Best Employers for Workers Over 50." The city of Glendale is the only municipality and the only employer in Arizona listed.

Glendale, for the second time, joins a diverse group of corporations, health systems, universities, non-profits and government agencies on the list as the AARP Best Employers program completed its 10th awards designation since the 2001 launch. Glendale was number 13 out of 50 Best Employers.

For more information on Glendale's workforce, visit [www.glendaleaz.com/humanresources](http://www.glendaleaz.com/humanresources). For a full list and more information on the 2011 Best Employers, log on to [www.aarp.org/bestemployers](http://www.aarp.org/bestemployers).

**HOV Lane Improvement Project Requires Closures and Restrictions This Weekend.** As work continues on the HOV lanes on the Loop 101 (Agua Fria Freeway), drivers should be aware of a number of upcoming restrictions and closures, which include:

- Southbound Loop 101 will be closed between Grand and Olive avenues from 10 p.m. Friday to 3 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 18 for the HOV lane project. This will require closing the on-ramp at Thunderbird Road. DETOUR: Traffic will exit at 91st Avenue and travel south to access Loop 101 at Olive Avenue.
- The Northbound Loop 101 off-ramp at Bell Road will be closed from 10 p.m. Friday to 5 a.m. Monday, Sept. 19 for rubberized asphalt paving. DETOUR: Traffic can exit at Thunderbird Road or Union Hills Drive and use 83rd Avenue to access Bell Road.
- Northbound Loop 101 will be narrowed to one lane between Thunderbird and Bell roads from 10 p.m. Friday to 10 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 17 for rubberized asphalt paving. This will require closing the on-ramp at Thunderbird Road. DETOUR: Use Bell Road to access Loop 101.
- Northbound Loop 101 will be closed between Olive and Grand avenues from 8 p.m. Sunday to 5 a.m. Monday, Sept. 19 for the HOV lane project. This will require closing the on-ramps at Glendale and Northern avenues. DETOUR: Exit at Olive Avenue and use 91st Avenue to access Loop 101 at the 91st Avenue on-ramp.
- Westbound Loop 101 will be narrowed to one lane between 51st and 75th avenues from 3 a.m. Sunday to 5 a.m. Monday, Sept. 19 for HOV lane project. This will require closing the westbound on-ramps between 51st and 67th avenues and the westbound off-ramps between 59th and 75th avenues. DETOUR: Use frontage road (Beardsley Road) to access Loop 101 at Union Hills Drive or exit at 51st Avenue and use Beardsley Road to access 59th, 67th, or 75th avenues.

A full listing of restrictions and detours, as well as additional information on this project, can be found at [www.valleyfreeways.com/aguafriaclosures](http://www.valleyfreeways.com/aguafriaclosures).

ADOT appreciates your patience and cooperation during freeway construction and maintenance projects.

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